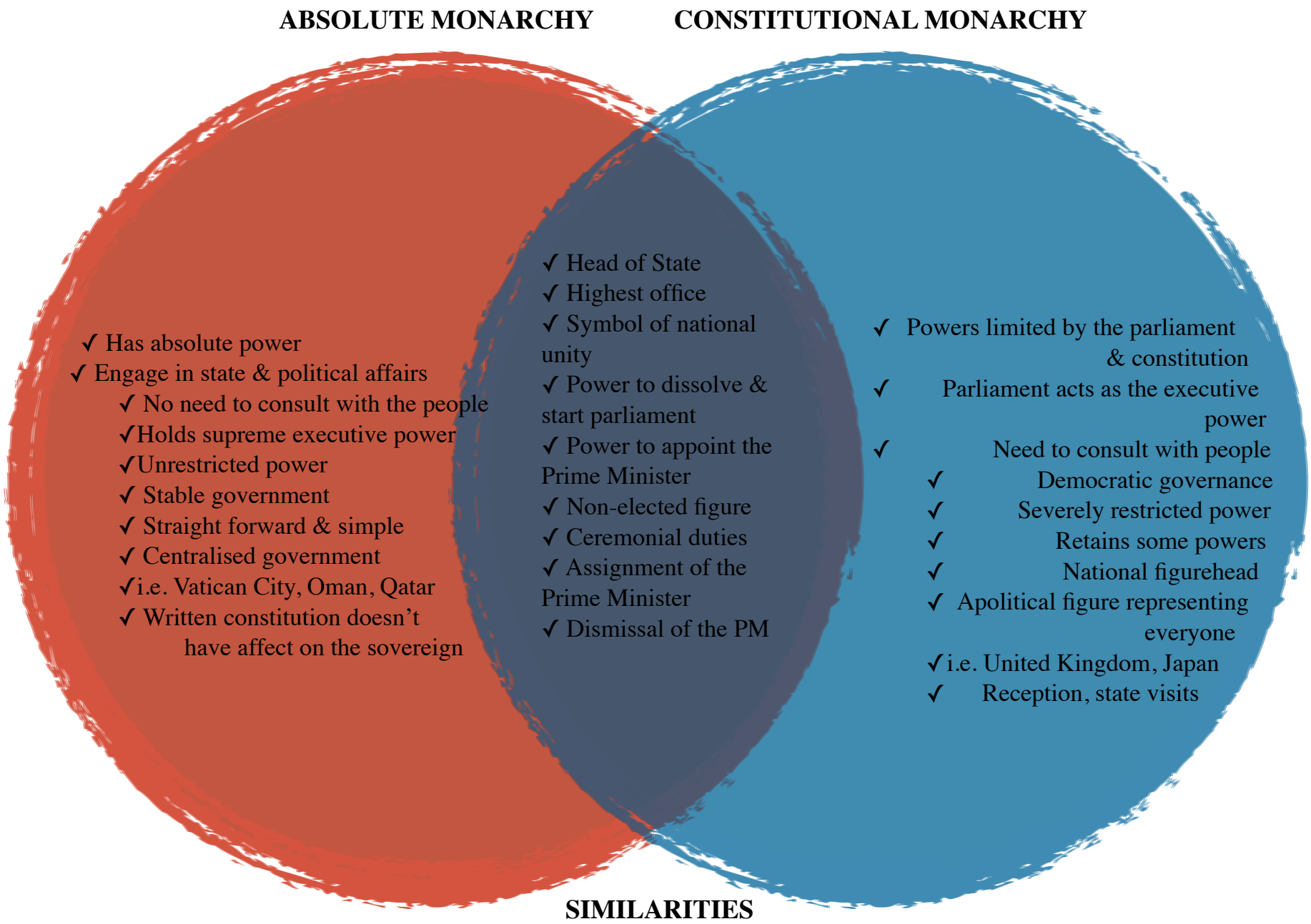
ABSOLUTE MONARCHY
CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY
✓ Has absolute power
✓ Engage in state & political affairs
✓ No need to consult with the people
✓Holds supreme executive power
✓Unrestricted power
✓ Stable government
✓ Straight forward & simple
✓ Centralised government
✓i.e. Vatican City, Oman, Qatar
✓ Written constitution doesn't have affect on the sovereign
✓ Head of State
✓ Highest office
✓ Symbol of national unity
✓ Power to dissolve & start parliament
✓ Power to appoint the Prime Minister
✓ Non-elected figure
✓ Ceremonial duties
✓ Assignment of the Prime Minister
✓ Dismissal of the PM
✓ Powers limited by the parliament & constitution
✓ Parliament acts as the executive power
✓ Need to consult with people
✓ Democratic governance
✓ Severely restricted power
✓ Retains some powers
✓ National figurehead
✓ Apolitical figure representing everyone
✓i.e. United Kingdom, Japan
✓ Reception, state visits
SIMILARITIES